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POLS TO YARDS FOES: YER OUT!

Councilmen, Beep kick opponents off boards

By Ariella Cohen
The Brooklyn Paper

Nine members of Community Board 6 were axed this week in a politically-motivated purge over their opposition to Bruce Ratner's Atlantic Yards project.

And a member of Community Board 2 who was not reelected might have been the victim of her opposition to condo development in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

The members of CB6, which covers Park Slope, Boerum Hill, Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill and Red Hook, were booted by Borough President Markowitz and Councilman Bill DeBlasio



Bill

(D-Park Slope), both strong supporters of Ratner's plan. Both most years, the borough president and commissioners review their appointments to the unpaid positions without much fanfare — but this year, the rules changed, and some worry about the ramifications.

“My fear is that board members, who are supposed to be protecting the interest of the community, will be fearful

and will look to elected officials on how to vote,” said Peter Fleming, a long-time member of CB6. Fleming was reappointed despite his opposition to the Atlantic Yards project.

“Last year, CB6 took a strong stand against Atlantic Yards — and Markowitz made it clear to several board members that they would pay for their vote against the project.

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Accolades for The Paper's Web site

By Gersh Kuntzman
The Brooklyn Paper

Why are you reading this newspaper in print when you could be reading it on our award-winning Web site?

That's right, just six months after The Brooklyn Paper's Web site went live with its redesign, it has been named one of the best in the country by the prestigious Suburban Newspapers of America, an industry trade group.

And we didn't win the big prize in our highly competitive category — non-daily newspapers with circulations above 65,000 — we received a honorable mention from the judges of the “Best Local Community Web site” award.

That's right, we're the best in the world, according to one of the best in the world, our web designer, Sylvan Mijdal, our art director, Leah Mitch and our Senior Editor, Vince DiMiceli.

But you don't have to believe us. Believe the judges: “This paper and Web site, covering a section of one of the most diverse and interesting areas in the world, does a fine job of providing the news for its residents of the area,” the judges said in a statement.

The first-place site, plymouthwickedlocal.com, is owned by Gatehouse Media, publisher of 76 daily newspapers and 260 weeklies in 17 states.

A link to all the winners can be found at www.BrooklynPaper.com.

— Gersh Kuntzman

Mayor Bloomberg was in Brooklyn twice this week — conveniently when Borough President Markowitz was on vacation — leading at least a few people to speculate why Bloomberg was spending so much time on the flesh in the borough.

Officially, the mayor was on Court Street on Monday to tout improved high school graduation rates, and at the Bed-Stuyvesant Civic Association's annual meeting to talk about a new nutrition program (and buy four apples from Ted King, a farmer from upstate New York).

The Brooklyn Paper would like to add one thing else. Call it a bunch, but we went right up to the term-limited mayor to ask whether the consecutive visits have indicated that he was seeking higher office.

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Hear the entire exchange at www.BrooklynPaper.com.



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Jitney jilted!

Only 8 take maiden Hampton voyage



ALL (EIGHT) ABOARD!: Eight people made the maiden voyage of the Hampton Jitney from Brooklyn to Montauk last weekend. Here, a few Brooklyn Heights residents get on board at Cadman Plaza West, the last stop before the bus is beach-bound.

By Beethoven Bong
The Brooklyn Paper

A three-quarters-empty Hampton Jitney made its maiden voyage from Brooklyn to Montauk last week — yet despite the low turnout, the bus ride was a resounding success for at least one reason.

“We're psyched,” said Jitney spokeswoman Jennifer Freibley. “Considering we made no advertisements, the fact we have what we are a positive beginning.”

The Jitney plans to make four beach-bound stops in Brooklyn every Friday and return stops every Sunday until Labor Day.



Residents and supporters of Duffield Street rallied on Monday at City Hall, one day before a hearing to determine whether the city could seize historic houses from eminent domain

Williamsburg man winner by a hair!

By Harry Cheadle
The Brooklyn Paper

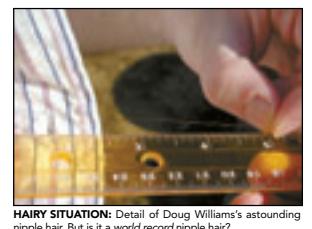
Rizzuti and Von Stackelberg were two of three people who got on at the Cadman Plaza stop, joining just five people who had boarded at earlier stops in Park Slope and Boerum Hill.

Eight passengers might sound low to the average Brooklynite, but it was fine by Jitney officials.

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HAIRY SITUATION: Detail of Doug Williams's astounding nipple hair. But is it a world record nipple hair?

Williams's follicular feat may be the greatest on the planet.

There'll also be a barbecue. And what's to celebrate? Yes, most people have nipple hairs — but no one has a nipple hair like Doug Williams.

“It's mostly a genetic gift,” said the 25-year-old, adding that he suspects — though this can't be proven scientifically — that the Williams' genes are responsible for this to do with his habit of eating at least one cheeseburger every day (las, he'll never make the Guinness Book for that).

As with so many things in life, size matters — but it's not the only requirement. In accordance with the Guinness Book's regulations, the hair will be washed and then measured three times by a local dermatologist using a 4.5 inch tape. If it breaks the record — yes, there is a current record-holder, Simon Mould of Great Britain.

Trouncing Mould at his own game would, of course, come with worldwide publicity, but that's not why Williams got into the record books in the first place.

“I am not attempting this

for the money,” he said.

“It is enough for me to know that I have inspired an entire generation of young people to grow long body hairs and achieve their own dreams.”

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From Farms to Brownstones

In collaboration with The New York-Historical Society and Weeks Village Heritage Center, and accompanying the *Slavery in New York: Brooklyn Stories* exhibit, the Brooklyn Historical Society presents the symposium, *Who Owns Brooklyn? From Farms to Brownstones*.

Moderated by historian Craig S. Wilder, this panel discussion addresses ways in which Brooklynites lay claim to the physical and historical Brooklyn. Speakers will explore contemporary themes of gentrification, displacement, property ownership, preservation and creative responses to neighborhood changes.

Thursday May 31, 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Brooklyn Historical Society
128 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn Heights
For information, call 718-222-4111 or visit www.brooklynhistory.org

Please also join us for a Weeks Village Walking Tour on Saturday, June 2, 1:00 - 3:30pm
\$15 (50% off for BHS members), for information, call 718-756-5250 or visit www.weeksvillesociety.org

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WHERE TO GO

EDITORS' PICKS

SATURDAY

May 26

Get grilled

You might have already pulled out your madras shorts and flip-flops, but are you really ready for summer? With Memorial Day upon us, now's the time to pick up a barbecue—literally. Starting on that Monday, it is just shameful, if it will go on for long, it will be too hot to grill and somebody else will have thrown the best party of the summer. Do you really want that to happen?

Portable charcoal grill, \$24.97 at Lowe's (118 Second Ave., at 10th Street in Gowanus). For information, call (718) 249-1151.

11 am at 79th Street and Third Avenue.

MONDAY

May 28

May march

Pay your respects to the veterans and do some thing with your day off, take part in the King's County Memorial Day parade, the longest-running procession for this three-day weekend in the country. Beginning in Bay Ridge, the parade moves south on Third Avenue to Marine Avenue, then heads east to Fourth Avenue, going all the way to John Paul Jones Park, where a ceremony will be held.

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8:45 am at BAM Rose Cinemas (80 Lafayette St., at Fourth Street in Fort Green). \$10. For information, call (718) 636-4100 or visit www.bam.org.

WEDNESDAY

May 30

Question and Auster

Personalborough fav Paul Auster will be at the Brooklyn Academy of Music tonight for a screening of "The Inner Life of Martin Frost," a new film that he wrote and directed. After the film, the author will answer questions from the audience. We've got one: what was up with the last page of "Brooklyn Follies"? Yikes.

8:45 pm at BAM Rose Cinemas (80 Lafayette St., at Fourth Street in Fort Green). \$10. For information, call (718) 636-4100 or visit www.bam.org.

THURSDAY

May 31

Brew you

Celebrating their first year in business, the Downtown Bar & Grill kicks off their weekend early with the Extreme Beer Weekend. A dozen different types of beer, all with 9 percent alcohol or more, will be served. You might need those extra few days to recover.

6 pm at the Downtown Bar & Grill (160 Court St., at Amity Street in Cobble Hill). Free. For information, call (718) 625-2093.

FRIDAY

June 1

Book club

Bafflingly popular Manhattan DJ trio the Misshapes bring their shick across the river to celebrate powerhouse books and their presence at this weekend's Book Expo America conference. With catering by Rice and drinks courtesy of Stella Artois and Big Nose Full Body, reading has never been so much fun.

7 pm at the powerhouse arena (37 Main St., at Water Street in DUMBO). Free. For information, call (718) 666-3049.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

Compiled by Susan Rosenthal Jay

SAT, MAY 26

Memorial Day Weekend

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

EARLY BIRD WALK: at the Prospect Park Audubon Center. 8 am to 10 am. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 222-4664. Free.

ROCKAWAY PARADE: NY Transit Museum offers a nostalgic train ride to the Rockaway Beach Boardwalk to celebrate the memory of Jacob Riis Park. Musical entertainment, arts and crafts, food, and more. \$30, \$25 kids. 1 pm. Call for reservations. 800-437-2244. Starting location: (718) 694-1600.

MYSTERS OF THE DEEPWATER: Learn about the world's largest, larger-than-life floating exhibit of science and art. Prospect Park, 1 pm. Call for reservations. 800-437-2244. 5 pm. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400. Free.

WALKING ATTRACTIONS: Urban birding skills with the Urban Park Rangers. See how many birds you can spot on a walking tour of Prospect Park. 10 am to 1 pm. \$10. Maryland 400 Monument, off of Wellhouse Drive, Prospect Park. Call for info. \$11. Free.

NATURE FACTS OR FICTION: Learn if alligators can live in the sewer and if bats really are blind. 10 am to 1 pm. Enter park at the Urban Park Rangers. Noon. Salt Marsh Nature Center, 3302 Ave. U. Call for info. \$10. Free.

PEDAL BOATING: Cruise Brooklyn's freshwater lake in a pedal boat. \$15 for one hour, plus tax. 1 pm to 8 pm. Prospect Park. Noon to 5 pm. Enter Prospect Park near the Parkside and Ocean avenue entrance. www.parkside.org

BIRD WATCHING CRUISE: Learn about the history of Prospect Park, from prehistoric times to the present. 1 pm to 4 pm. Enter park at the Urban Park Rangers. Noon. Salt Marsh Nature Center, 3302 Ave. U. Call for info. \$30 students, \$35 seniors, \$35 general. \$20 adults. \$20, \$15 seniors and kids. 1 pm. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400. www.parkside.org

BRONXVILLE BRIDGE AT TWILIGHT: Big Creek Trailhead, walk across the Brooklyn Bridge and through Brooklyn Heights to the Bronx. 6 pm to 8 pm. The AA Low Massion and sites associated with Arthur Miller, Robert Moses and Norman Mailer. 1 pm to 8 pm. \$10 student, \$5. Meet at southeast corner of Broadway and Chambers street, lower Manhattan. (212) 539-1000. Free.

PERFORMANCE

DANCE AFRICA: 30th annual African dance festival at Brooklyn Academy of Music. Program includes performances, art, contests, workshops, arts, food and crafts. \$20 to \$45. 2 pm and 7:30 pm. Additional shows on Saturday and Sunday. 1 pm to 8 pm. 146 St. \$15 seniors and kids. 8 pm. 199 14th St. \$15 seniors and kids. 8 pm. 199 14th St. \$15 seniors and kids. 8 pm. 199 14th St. \$15 seniors and kids. 8 pm. 199 14th St. \$15 seniors and kids. 8 pm. Club Por Royal, 837 Union St. (718) 398-4830.

GALLERY PLAYERS: presents "Victor/ Victoria" 8 pm. \$14 seniors and kids. 8 pm. 199 14th St. \$15 seniors and kids. 8 pm. 199 14th St. \$15 seniors and kids. 8 pm. Club Por Royal, 837 Union St. (718) 398-4830.

ST. ANTHONY AREHOUSE: 10th Anniversary Mass Festival of New Puppet Theater from The Lab. Program of avant-garde puppetry. \$20, 8 pm. St. Ann's Warehouse, 38 Water St. (718) 254-8779.

BARGEMUSIC: Classical music concert featuring an all Beethoven program with the Manhattan Chamber Players. 8 pm. \$20 students, \$15 seniors, \$20 general. \$20 students. 4 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 624-2083.

NANNY LEIBOVITZ: Artist John Barard's photography exhibition, "Nanies of Brooklyn Heights," is up at St. Francis College through June 2. Stop by if you can find a babysitter. See Homer Fink's column in our Brooklyn Heights edition or online at www.BROOKLYNPAPER.com

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PERFORMANCE

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Theborough's big parade begins at 11 am at 3rd Avenue and 79th Street and ends at John Paul Jones Park. Avenue of the Americas and 3rd Avenue. (718) 624-3083.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Community Board 6 forum: On the agenda: 79th Street greenway and 165 Sixth Avenue, between Dean and Bersten streets. 7 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.

THURSDAY, MAY 31

Community Board 4, Landmarks and land-use committees: PS 137 Hoyt Street, between Union and President streets. 6 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.

MONDAY, MAY 28

Memorial Day

COMMENORATIVE PARADE: The Green-Wood Cemetery hosts a Memorial Day with a tribute to the Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery. Event features re-enactments, a band, a Civil War re-enactment, songs, the 119th NY Infantry in a parade and a wreath laying. 9 am. Green-Wood Cemetery, 258 5th Avenue at Fifth Avenue. (718) 768-7300. Free.

INDIE MARKET: 11 am to 7 pm. See Sat., May 26.

OTHER

BBO FOR BARACK: Fundraiser for Barack Obama. Noon. Picnic House South in Prospect Park. Donations welcome. www.bboforbarack.org

INDIE MARKET: Collective of Brooklyn-based emerging designers show their wares. 11 am to 7 pm. Smith and Union Street. www.brooklynindiemarket.com.

CIVIC CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 28

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

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MONDAY, JUNE 4

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MONDAY, JUNE 4

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

Community Board 6 forum: On the agenda: 79th Street greenway and 165 Sixth Avenue, between Dean and Bersten streets. 7 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Community Board 4, Landmarks and land-use committees: PS 137 Hoyt Street, between Union and President streets. 6 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.

MONDAY, JUNE 11

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

Community Board 6 forum: On the agenda: 79th Street greenway and 165 Sixth Avenue, between Dean and Bersten streets. 7 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

Community Board 4, Landmarks and land-use committees: PS 137 Hoyt Street, between Union and President streets. 6 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

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THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Community Board 4, Landmarks and land-use committees: PS 137 Hoyt Street, between Union and President streets. 6 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.

MONDAY, JUNE 25

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

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THURSDAY, JUNE 28

Community Board 4, Landmarks and land-use committees: PS 137 Hoyt Street, between Union and President streets. 6 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.

MONDAY, JUNE 30

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

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THURSDAY, JULY 2

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MONDAY, JULY 6

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

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THURSDAY, JULY 9

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MONDAY, JULY 13

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

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THURSDAY, JULY 16

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MONDAY, JULY 20

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Community Board 6 forum: On the agenda: 79th Street greenway and 165 Sixth Avenue, between Dean and Bersten streets. 7 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

Community Board 4, Landmarks and land-use committees: PS 137 Hoyt Street, between Union and President streets. 6 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.

MONDAY, JULY 27

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

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THURSDAY, JULY 30

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MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

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MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

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MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Community Board 4, Landmarks and land-use committees: PS 137 Hoyt Street, between Union and President streets. 6 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Community Board 6 forum: On the agenda: 79th Street greenway and 165 Sixth Avenue, between Dean and Bersten streets. 7 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

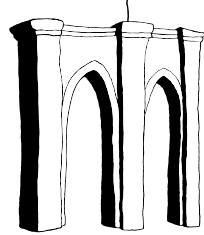
Community Board 4, Landmarks and land-use committees: PS 137 Hoyt Street, between Union and President streets. 6 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Community Board 6 forum: On the agenda: 79th Street greenway and 165 Sixth Avenue, between Dean and Bersten streets. 7 pm. Call (718) 443-3027.



THE stoop

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS-DOWNTOWN DUMBO

Heights nannies are being watched anew

Great art elicits an emotional response from its viewer. If John Baird's photo exhibit at St. Francis College, "Nannies of Brooklyn Heights," was meant to provoke feelings about the nature of parenting, gender and class relations, it's a resounding success. (See photo in "Nine Days in Brooklyn" on page 1.) One would expect a show entitled "Nannies of Brooklyn Heights" to pay homage to the hard-working women who raise in the offspring of their affluent employers. Instead, Baird's images on display at the school are being cared for by us titles that make them the center of attention (i.e., "Six Toes and Looking for Candy").

Whether Baird's images are a slight elaboration on the individual, but what appears to be an accounting of neighborhood nanny documents far more than that — a huge racial divide. Every nanny is black and all of the children are white. That, along with the way the pictures are composed, recalls the turn-of-the-century work of photographers Henry P. Moore and Rudolf Eickemeyer Jr.

Baird's work is historic. Photos of freed slaves. Moore's photos are modeled today as staged events attempting to showcase a new racial harmony in America that did not exist.

It was Eickemeyer's mission to show that freed slaves had assimilated into mainstream America. He traveled the South and snapped his most-famous picture, Uncle Tom's Cabin, in 1865, to look like the quintessential African family had right down to his costume pipe.

The St. Francis College exhibit transports us of that cognitive dissonance to 21st-century Brooklyn Heights. The combination of titles, staging and the disconnection seen in the names eyes makes the viewer feel that the people in the pictures are slightly out of sync with each other.

While a study of nannies with and without their charges might have been another option for Baird, the path he chose should foster productive social dialogue.

One place where productive dialogue is not happening is the hopelessly classist Web site, "IsYourNanny.com." It's by far one of the worst examples of web design. Goodness, the site had

HEIGHTS LOWDOWN



Homer Fink



Dolphin, the black cat above, nuzzles with pal Kitaro Jr., during happier times.

CALL OFF THE HOUNDS

DUMBO kitty found!

By Josh Saul

for The Brooklyn Paper

Curiosity almost killed a cat named Dolphin last week when the feisty feline went on the lam in DUMBO.

But Dolphin is now back in his Jay Street home.

The feline escapade began Sunday night, when Dolphin jumped off the second-floor balcony of the apartment she shares with her human companion, Christopher Hayes, and neighborhood neighbors that she wasn't too upset when she noticed Dolphin, thinking merely that she was "on an adventure for the first time in her life."

After a few days of 8-month-old Dolphin wasn't back on Monday night, Shimohara started to worry, so she put up flyers around the neighborhood advertising her return.

Finally on Friday night, Dolphin — a lifelong mate — did something she'd never done before: she let out a desperate "meow!" that brought rescuers running.

Even after Shimohara found Dolphin hiding under a car, it still took three hours — and a can of Dolphin's favorite food — to coax the cat back home.

And while Dolphin wasn't injuring during his days as an alley cat, she did lose some weight.

"She was a fat cat, but now she is very skinny and fit," said Shimohara.

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THE stoop

CARROLL GARDENS-COBBLE HILL BOERUM HILL RED HOOK

Lots of green to be made on green

The truck was parked in front of the Chelsea Garden Center on Van Brunt Street, and emblazoned "Sunset Liberty Garden Center." An army of flower girls in flowered hats down Van Dyke Street — and away from the Chelsea Garden Center, which was open as a tulip.

Over in Red Hook, where the local bartender can't move a horseshoe pit without someone objecting, Sunset Liberty's strategically placed ad truck didn't go unnoticed.

People passing by snickered at the sight of it.

A second Red Hook flora peddler, Gowanus Nursery, hung signs elsewhere: The petunias bloomed, and sold briskly at both Chelsea Garden Center and around the corner at Sunset Liberty.

Sunset Liberty owner Sandy Gubis — a forthright man with a self-described passion for "tropical plants and girls," but the plants first — was quick to note that he had to park the truck directly in front of his nearest competition.

"Where else is there to park?" he said, smiling. Then he added something devious about his competition. "[They're] an invader."

The term refers to a non-native plants that are introduced by humans where they don't exist naturally, thereby disturbing the normal circle of life. Bamboo, Chinese Wisteria and Ribbon Grass — a wild grass that has achieved a certain ubiquity on well-tended lawns around the borough — are invasive. Gubis sells bamboo — but not with the intent to encourage it. "I'm not the fast-growing rock. I don't touch soil, but he doesn't sell others."

Those are sold at Chelsea, where no such ideological bars exist.

"We don't think of [species] as invasive, as much as beautiful," said Rose DiCostanzo, adding that her garden center is "into beauty and color, and not necessarily into what's native."

DiCostanzo wouldn't comment on Sunset's parking job, saying only that she wasn't "bothered" by it.

Maybe she has a point. After all, there is plenty of green to be made in this grocery. Especially in Red Hook, where fresh flowers could sweeten up the neighborhood's summer scent, eat da sausages.

Indeed, even when Gubis is parking his truck in front of his competitor, his workers are doing the opposite.

"We end up referring a lot of customers to Chelsea because we just won't sell certain plants," said Hope Kaufman, the landscape architect who runs Gubis's store.

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BROOKLYN SOUTH



Ariella Cohen

End of the Smith light show



The American Apparel store on Smith Street keeps its lights on all night, quite a contrast to the rest of the street.

Locals: Test soil at skate park

By Ariella Cohen
The Brooklyn Paper

Local officials want the city to test the soil at a Boerum Hill playground that federal officials say rest atop toxic waste before moving forward with a proposed skateboard park.

As reported in The Brooklyn Paper, advocates want to turn the under-used Thomas Greene Park on Third Avenue into a skateboarder friendly playground with new bathrooms and equipment.

But before any digging is done, the advocates want to test the soil.

It would be foolhardy for the city to spend public money on a park only to have to come back some time later for a cleanup," said Craig Hammerman, district manager for the Community Board 6, which would eventually approve any redesign of the park.



Parks advocates want to transform the run-down Thomas Greene playground on Douglass Street between Nevins Street and Third Avenue into a skateboard park.

Thomas Greene Park, which is between Douglass and Degraw streets, is one of many plots of land near the ocean that have been largely re-claimed for re-creations during the 19th- and early 20th centuries.

The Environmental Protection Agency says that a test done on the former Fulton Municipal Gas Company site shows that there is hazardous waste on site.

But the city Parks Department says it has frequently tested the area. Others said any toxins would be too far underground to cause any threat.

Regardless, Parks spokesman Phil Abramson added, "We are working with the soil again before doing any reconstruction at the site."

"Certainly you would suspect the responsible party to do testing in advance of any building or excavation work," said Basil Seggos, an investigator for the non-profit Riverkeeper.

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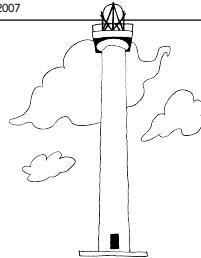
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THE stoop

FORT GREENE-CLINTON HILL

Tales from the Ft. Greene crypt

Built into the grand granite staircase of Fort Greene Park is a dark metal door welded shut. On the other side lies a dark stone crypt containing the remains of an estimated 11,500 Americans who died on British ships during the American Revolution.

Didn't know that? Join the club. "We have a lot of questions, and we are, alas, raising too many young Americans who are historically illiterate," said David McCullough, the revered historian, the author of "1776," and a one-time

Brooklyn resident.

Didn't know that? Join the club.

We ought to be reminded that

of the details of the story.

Not only was there supposed to be an eternal flame on top, but when the Prison Ship Martyrs Monument (that big white obelisk on top of the crypt) was unveiled in 1908, President Taft was there.

But history moves quickly. When McCullough followed closely on

the heels of the monument's completion, drawing attention to a whole new generation of veterans.

And then there's that human tendency to dwell on battles won, like the Battle of Yorktown, rather than losses lost, like the Battle of Brooklyn. The Parks Department's website says the State of New York is raising its park security \$4 million for the memorial, complete with an "eternal flame," and he's built historical exhibits in the park's visitors' center because "it's important to know the story."

The story goes something like this: At the end of the Revolution, there were no real American heroes. Then, however, a motley crew of renegade merchants who raided British ships and brought back the bounty to the Americans. The British ended up capturing thousands of the pirates, and put them on prison ships in Wallabout Bay during the war.

"There were up to 1,000 men at a time in the Jeannette, kept below decks, said Mertz.

"They had very poor sanitary conditions. They had to cook in this thing called the 'great copper.' They were given rations of salted meat, and salt and copper is a poisonous mixture. Between five and 15 men died daily."

"They were freed if they signed up for the British cause," added Maher. "There are no recorded instances of anyone taking that up."

So this Memorial Day, consider having your picnic at the monument and toasting the boys in that dark crypt.

GREENE ACRES



Dana Rubinstein

Wall St workers clean up

By Harry Cheadle
The Brooklyn Paper

When Fort Greene resident Grant Bremer is a master of the universe, working in the technology division at Goldman Sachs, one of the world's largest investment firms.

Today, he's digging the dirt at the local park.

Wearing jeans and a red, company-issued "Community Teamwork 2007" t-shirt, Bremer joins a dozen co-workers in Fort Greene Park every day, following their company's recommendation to work at least one day of community service every year.

"We do lots of things," Bremer said. "Stuff like gardening, painting, walking dogs."

The Goldman Sachs program has been in place for 11 years, and Bremer is one of the first of them, according to a company spokesperson — jump at the opportunity to work outdoors rather than write code, trade



Grant Bremer, a Fort Greene resident who works for Goldman Sachs in Manhattan, helped clean Fort Greene Park on Tuesday.

bonds or advise the wealthy how to diversify their portfolios.

During the day at Fort Greene Park, the Goldman workers

(besides those T-shirts) were the Rolexes on their wrists, the digital cameras in their back pockets, and the BlackBerry clipped to Bremer's belt.

"We're having fun," said Bremer, who works in the company's equities division who lives in Manhattan, unlike most of the others, who live nearer to the park.

"It's a little while since I did gardening. I love it."

Nearby, a few employees got into the spirit of things, digging up a small boulder and prying it from the ground. When they finally got it out, they posed with it like a trophy.

On one, Bremer whipped out his digital camera and snapped a picture, a souvenir of the day, community-oriented vacation.

"It's part of the corporate culture," says Natasha Dumbur,

a financial analyst from Fort

Greene. "Giving back."

At least this day.

Soccer dad: Gridiron coach stole field

By Dana Rubinstein
The Brooklyn Paper

The city is investigating whether to discipline a high school football coach who allegedly kicked his youth soccer team off a city-owned field two weekends in a row.

The disputed turf, Charles B. Wang Field, is Brooklyn Tech's High School's football and soccer field. It sits adjacent to PS 753, and was used by local sports leagues for years without incident.

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"They're trying to deny the little kids access to the field," said Karen Karp, a Brooklyn lawmaker.

Councilwoman Letitia James (D-Fort Greene) agreed to mediate the dispute and on May 16 issued a statement saying that a protocol for use of the field had been reached.

"I said, 'Coach, we're going to be finished by 10 am. Give us 15 minutes or so, and we'll be off your hair.' And he said, 'Yeah, I need to leave earlier than that.' Then he turned and walked away."

Byer said he followed the coach to the school and confronted him about his "piss-poor attitude," after which the coach launched into a tirade.

Then, according to Byer, the coach threatened to kick the school football players and to intimidate the 6- and 7-year-old soccer players. When Byer wouldn't budge, the coach allegedly tried to force another youth soccer league, Young Rock Soccer Academy, off the Rock Soccer Academy, off the field.

The following Saturday, when Byer showed up to play, his team was locked out. So was Musa Kadiso, who runs the Young Rock Soccer Academy.

Kadiso, along with Letitia James (D-Fort Greene) agreed to mediate the dispute and on May 16 issued a statement saying that a protocol for use of the field had been reached.

Under the agreement, Brooklyn Tech has priority during scheduling conflicts, but local leagues do have the right to use the field.

It remains unclear whether the protocol will resolve the

two youth soccer teams alleged they were not permitted to play at Charles B. Wang Field despite holding a permit.

dispute.

"I do not agree that the agreement has been reached," said Byer. "I am considering legal action to prevent the leagues from claiming the only recreational outlet for the neighborhood."

The Department of Education

would not comment for this story. Neither would DeBenedetto.

"The incident is under investigation and we cannot elaborate on the details without compromising the investigation," said Marge Feinberg, an Education spokeswoman.

THE KITCHEN SINK

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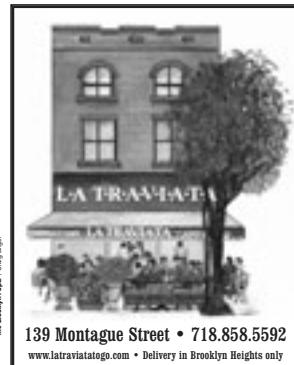
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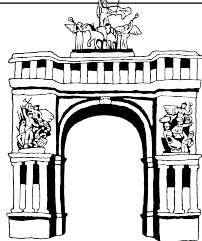
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An artist who makes a living

Jonathan Blum is living his dream. A 41-year-old artist from Washington, DC, he has lived in Brooklyn since 1999, and has become a "front" painter for those years.

His shop is on Fifth Avenue between First and Second Streets, where a sign in the window announces the hours are "by appointment or by luck" (if you can't catch him, your best bet is to eat late at night).

He's had gallery shows, but prefers to sell his work directly to the public. And he does sell. That is all of the point.

"I know a lot of artists with galleries who do not make a living off of their art," he said. "My dream is to be a working-class artist, to make art and sell it so that I can support my family. I don't need to be rich and famous. I prefer to be a neighborhood artist."

He says that painting a storefront is part of who he is as an artist. "I'm not a painter in a studio, preferring something at street level and an open door."

Before moving to Kensington, where he lives with his two kids, Blum lived in Boston, Berlin, Israel and New Orleans.

In Brooklyn, he found a studio where there was room for him to stretch painting his trademark "sheeshak" portraits. He has become well known for these cut-off faces, and even did a series of Sesame Street's Bert, with his long, yellow forehead. He still has some of those paintings, but he won't make any more.

"I just can't," he said. "Bert is from my past and I won't go back." (He won't, but collectors still buy him the Bert paintings which fetch the highest prices in the art market. Most of Blum's work is between \$15 and \$500, but the Bert paintings go for as much as \$5,000.)

Blum's other leitmotif is his series of portraits of rabbis. He began painting the long-faced, bearded men when he lived in Israel. The paintings are a mix of whimsical and respectful, and are often more popular than the rabbits they depict.

"The Lubavichers love these paintings," Blum said. "I also sell them to people who have never met a Jew before." Blum told me. His fear may be reality, but for now, he stays content by reminding himself that he's living his dream.

THE KITCHEN SINK

File this under "Q for 'Q' you": Rabbi Shimon Hecht of Congregation B'nai Jacob on Ninth Street just announced a new addition to his family: He and his wife, Sarah just had their 12th child. That is not a misprint. Their latest daughter, Yudith Bracha, was born on May 7. Now, how long will it take for some hot-shot Slope writer to crank out the Orthodox Jewish version of "Cheaper by the Dozen"? Email us at Stoop@BrooklynPaper.com

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Nica Lalli



This rag-tag street bookstore on Eastern Parkway is run by Skibo (seated), who is celebrating his 10th anniversary at the spot.

Sidewalk vendor books it

By Josh Saul
for The Brooklyn Paper

I realized I got an office right here!" said Skibo, who was born in Red Hook, but moved to Park Slope when he was 9.

Since having this "Eureka" moment a decade ago, Skibo has been running his fence just up Eastern Parkway.

That's where a 55-year-old man named Skibo — that's the only name he gives, Skibo — has been selling books for 10 years, setting up shop between the Brooklyn Museum and the Brooklyn Public Library.

"I used to sleep in the park [before he started selling books], and then one morning

um, Skibo helped to build the later institution.

"I was an ironworker with Local 40," said Skibo. "We built the big ones all over New York City. I was an ironworker on the building of the Brooklyn Museum."

Getting his inventory for free gives him one advantage over the library, but even Skibo admits that the massive institution to the west of his "shop" holds a distinct advantage.

For one thing, books are free at the library, and the central branch even undercuts Skibo during their weekly book sales.

"I've always said, 'Buy five books, get six,' but the library says, 'Buy 10 books, get 12.' It's their way of trying to one-up me, I guess."

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Goodwill game: Scribes take on Cyclones' front office for charity

By Harry Cheadle
The Brooklyn Paper

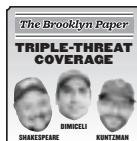
Normally, the only exercise Brooklyn Cyclones beat reporters get is from tapping on keyboards and slinging their cravats with a fool's energy. But on Saturday night, June 2, they'll find out what life between the foul lines really like.

The reporters will be facing off against the Cyclones' front office in a charity baseball game starting at midnight. Just one of 12 games the Cyclones' staffers will play in a 24-hour challenge.

The reporters vs. staff game comes in the middle of that all-day death march, so the writers might have a chance to win — if they can overcome their team's poisonous chemistry.

With the Brooklyn staff writing for the big game, manager Ed Shakespeare — the Cyclones' columnist for The Brooklyn Paper — spent most of his time preparing his own most high-profile players.

"My general gameplan is to see where I can put [Brooklyn Paper Editor] Gersh Kuntzman and [Senior Editor] Vince DiM-



issued through his publicist, George Shea. As usual, Kuntzman seemed to spend the press director's time trying to address whether his six-year hitting streak was showing any signs of ending.

Worse, Shakespeare admitted he did not know who was pitching yet.

The Cyclones' front office team is clearly not worried —

about the game, at least.

The only thing I'm nervous about is that they might

thermometer," he said.

David Campanaro, media relations manager for the Cyclones, and the team's shortstop, "I think the fact that a couple of the guys can't hit is a concern."

Yeah, and they're real fast, too.

Ups and Downs

The Cyclones held open auditions last week for musicians who want to be part of the

team's first marching band. More than 20 aspiring members from the so-called "Brooklyn band" showed up at KeySpan Park, but the team hasn't decided how big this band will be.

Let's hope the Cyclones don't get a knuckleball pitcher (who wants to catch a ball) or a lefty player making serious injury to play "Flight of the Bumblebee" every fifth day.

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"Construction always wins," he said. "Developers will spend more to force you out ... than to buy you out."

Duffield said the only power to stop the land grab is in the hand of the government.

On Wednesday, Councilwoman Letitia James (D-Fort Greene) said AKRF never checked with the New York State Historic Preservation Office about the properties' possible abolitionist ties.

AKRF apparently asked only if the office had files about the homes — it does not and never asked for any information.

"This is a clear omission on the part of the city and their consultants," said Simon Bankoff, executive director of the Historic Districts Council. "The government agency [that] is tasked to make this exact determination was not even consulted. That seems negligent."

Seizing historic houses under eminent domain isn't just an argument about money. At the hearing, Aviavitz Aviavitz said it would cost her high-steel \$100,000. The Dan Clegg, more than \$10,000 to relocate the 20-year-old business and its 100 employees.

"We came to this neighborhood when there were crack vials on the floor," Jakuvovitz said. "Finally the neighborhood has changed, and now the city wants to take our building."

Public comment is still being taken through May 30, and the Department of Housing Preservation and Development must take action within 90 days.

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During National Stroke Awareness Month, Brooklyn residents are urged to learn more about this potentially devastating condition.

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There are several accredited primary stroke centers in Brooklyn. The advanced technologies offered at Maimonides set it apart from other institutions. Among the many technological innovations is the Interventional Neurology Service.

These highly skilled specialists perform minimally invasive procedures that can help reduce and even reverse stroke symptoms. Under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Farkas, the Interventional Neurology Service offers the most advanced techniques alone or in combination with surgical or medical therapy to ensure the best possible outcomes for stroke patients.

One of the treatments involves the use of an advanced tool called the "Merci Retriever." This miraculous device enables interventional neurologists to remove blood clots from the brain.

Dr. Farkas navigates the Merci Retriever from a small puncture in the groin up to the brain, snaring the blood clot then removing it. Patients undergoing this procedure have minimized damage, and some have complete recoveries. The Merci Retriever can be used on patients up to two hours after a stroke occurs.

Dr. Farkas is among the most experienced in the country in the use of this revolutionary device.

"We've had patients unable

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Dr. Jeffrey Farkas, Director of Interventional Neuroradiology at Maimonides, prepares to utilize the Merci Retriever, a device that enables him to remove life-threatening blood clots.

to speak and experiencing paralysis who had their symptoms reversed on the spot," said Dr. Farkas. "Full recovery is not uncommon."

Strokes caused by blood clots are known as ischemic strokes. Many strokes, however, are hemorrhagic — caused by bleeding in the brain. The Interventional Neurology Service plays an important role in treating patients with the most difficult and complex lesions.

The Stroke Center has a multidisciplinary team of stroke experts that includes physicians and nurses from Neurology, Emergency Medicine and Vascular Surgery, in addition to interventional radiology. Specifically trained therapists make up the team of experts, ensuring that each stroke patient has the optimal outcome. Because of the success of the stroke program, Maimonides is currently ranked among the top five percent in the nation for stroke prevention.

The \$2.5-million Interventional Radiology Suite is a full array of interventions, including procedures such as intracranial stenting that aid in stroke prevention. The suite is equipped with a

biplane angiographic system and advanced imaging capabilities designed specifically for navigating the brain. This futuristic technology enables the Maimonides Stroke Center to manage the treatment of patients with the most difficult and complex lesions in the brain.

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For more information on risk factors and treatment of stroke, go to the Maimonides Web site at <http://www.maimonides.org>

Methodist's new ED opens

New York Methodist Hospital

New York Methodist Hospital recently unveiled its newly expanded and renovated Emergency Department (ED) in a former clinic wing commonly known as the hospital's new ED entrance.

Guests at the event enjoyed tours of the new facility and learned about the hospital's new ED, which is known as the Simple Medical Screening And Rapid Treatment (SMART) program.

SMART was created to quickly assess the severity of a patient's illness and to promptly treat and discharge patients who do not need admission to the hospital.

NYM is one of only a few institutions in metropolitan area to use the program.

"SMART is a new and innovative program that allows our nurses and physicians to treat patients in a more efficient way possible," said Joseph Bove, MD, chairman of emergency medicine at NYM.

"Thanks to our new space and new equipment, NYM and Methodist hospital will be able to produce the best results in terms of treatment and care for every patient who walks through our

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At the Emergency Department ribbon cutting are (from left): Richard Lagrassa; Dr. Joseph Bove, MD; P. V. Mastoracco; Steven Silber, Chairman, the Board of Trustees; and Colleen McManus.

door," said Mark J. Murphy, president of NYM.

The newly renovated and expanded ED features a state-of-the-art, 45-bed adult unit and a 10-bed pediatric unit. The increased space allows for one patient room to accommodate up to two visitors per bedside.

"The larger space not only allows us to accommodate a larger number of walk-in pa-

tients and patients brought via ambulance, but it also allows for family members or friends to visit their loved ones while they are in the ED," said Dr. Bove.

In addition to larger adult and pediatric EDs, the hospital has a new ED triage area equipped with triage desks and a larger walk-in registration desk, and a patient reception desk, staffed 24 hours a day by a patient liai-

son who greets everyone who walks in.

After exiting the receptionist, patients will enter the new 4,200-square-foot ED waiting room, which is complete with four flat-screen televisions, a water fountain and two handicapped-accessible bathrooms with baby-changing tables. A separate waiting room is available for pediatric patients and their families to ensure comfort and convenience.

Along with separate adult and pediatric waiting rooms, the hospital's ED is equipped with a pediatric triage room and two adult triage rooms. As part of the SMART program, the triage areas are staffed with a triage nurse and physician assistants who also treat, evaluate, treat and release patients. The physician assistants are also able to begin immediate diagnostic assessments (laboratory, electrocardiogram or X-ray) testing of patients.

"All of our additions and renovations were created with the community's needs in mind and I am very thankful for the support of the community during the construction process," said Dr. Bove.

"Our ED is now more dignified, sophisticated and community oriented."

Lutheran again ranked one of New York's top hospitals

Lutheran Medical Center

The May Ellen and Gerald Ritter Cardiology Center (cathe lab) is expected to perform more than 700 procedures this year.

Through the aid of the Cardiology Center, Lutheran was able to perform its first Automatic Defibrillator Device implantation this week. The implantable device goes into a patient suffering from Sudden Cardiac Death. The device is a small unit that causes the heart to stop beating without warming. It then automatically detects the abnormal heart rhythm and shocks the heart so that it begins to beat again.

Lutheran's most passionate supporter of the initiative to bring a new cath lab to Brooklyn was Rev. Robert Zalomon, MD, Lutheran Medical Center cardiologist and director of the May Ellen and Gerald Ritter Diagnostic Cardiology Center.

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people in the New York area than Dr. Steven Rudolph and his staff. Dr. Rudolph is a nationally acclaimed specialist with an outstanding track record in pioneering new advances in stroke therapy.

Should the patient require additional treatment, it is important to know that Maimonides also offers the MERCI Retriever, a revolutionary tool in stroke intervention that can actually remove the blood clot up to eight hours from the onset of a stroke.

Because of Maimonides' total commitment to

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Boot camp to the rescue

Paper rep hopes to lose weight, save his own life

By Adam El-Sheemy
The Brooklyn Paper

Hi. My name is Shimmi, and I have a problem. I'm 26 years-old, divorced, I smoke, I'm a co-gen plant on the Jersey Turnpike, and I'm overweight. How overweight? Just look at the picture. 'Nuff said.

Sure, I put my health on the back-burner over the years, but I'm committed to change.

Over the next six weeks,

join a handful of other goes-to-Jeel, formerly healthy people and sweat my way through a program called "Boot Camp Challenge." Challenge 1: Getting up at 5 am to actually get to the challenge, which has sessions either 6 am or 7 am in the park at the end of Washington Street in DUMBO. Challenge 2: Actually living up to the first challenge. Challenge 3: Giving up cigarettes.

Yes, I want to lose weight and get healthy, but I also want to get off the cancer sticks, but the final goal here is to keep a promise I made to my family.

The other day, I found myself out of breath just climbing a few flights of stairs. I'm 26 years old, for crying out loud!

Of course, I only have myself to blame. I was once a football player at Brooklyn Technical High School, since graduating in 1997, I've been the sum all of three times (and my body shows it).

At this rate, I won't make it past 60.

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Adam El-Sheemy and his Boot Camp trainer, Tanya Nazarov.

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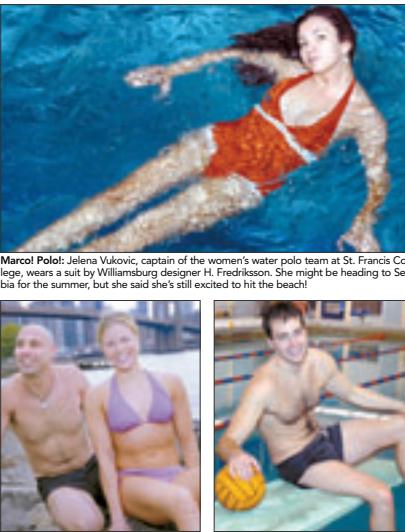
Follow suit

Check out GO Brooklyn's first ever swimsuit issue!



Photos by Gregory P. Mango

Island wear: Coney Island's Dick Zigun, in trunks by American Apparel, and Insectavora, wearing a suit from Malia Mills, bring high fashion to the shore. "Now I have this suit," Insectavora told GO Brooklyn, "I'm going to the beach every day."



Marcel Poli: Jelena Vukovic, captain of the women's water polo team at St. Francis College, wears a suit by Williamsburg designer H. Fredriksson. She might be heading to Serbia for the summer, but she said she's still excited to hit the beach!



DUMBO dolls: Alexis Asher is wearing a Malia Mills suit and Vincent Diorio, bar manager at ReBar, wears one by American Apparel as they soak in the sun in DUMBO.



Pool boy: Dusko Radovanac, in American Apparel, was the goalie for the men's water polo team at St. Francis this year and plans to spend the summer traveling.



Fun in the sun: Alexis Asher, a boxer at Gleason's Gym and a personal trainer, was a 2007 Golden Gloves champion. But here, in another suit by Malia Mills, she's catching some golden rays near the Brooklyn Bridge.



Pool queue

With city swimming holes closed 'til nearly July, how can Brooklyn keep its cool?

By John O'Connor
for The Brooklyn Paper

Behold, the local miracle: the Red Hook Pool, a magnificent, sprawling body of water on Bay Street that is an oasis for Brooklynites during the Saharan summer days.

Absurdly and sadistically, though, the Parks Department allows this treasure — and every other city pool

— to remain idle throughout the molten days of early summer, finally opening on June 28.

So with another pool-less four weeks ahead of us, GO Brooklyn offers a list of places where you can find respite from the sweltering temperatures and putstulant aromas of spring.

The Gowanus Yacht Club

This well-shaded outdoor establishment, open sea-

sonally from April to September, features modestly priced beer and hot dogs, unrivaled eye-candy and, quite unlike the Red Hook Pool, a toilet from which hobos have been known to flee.

The place is high-class, and on some nights, the Yacht Club can feel like 200 drunks having a bare-knuckle brawl in a cattle pen, but that's part of its charm. Sadly, meddlesome neighbors recently forced the bar to ditch its gas grill — according to manager Tim Morrow, it was a health code violation — which means the hot dogs are now boiled.

But let's be honest, after a half-dozen Old Milwaukee's you won't be able to tell the difference.

Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory

Sometimes tourist attractions are attractions for a reason: The Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory's stellar reputation is, indeed, well deserved. The vanilla-chocolate-chunk ice cream is delicious; the banana pecan is incredible; and even the peaches and cream (a flavor to which I'm normally inclined) had me nodding my head in admiration.

Such expertise means a limited menu of only eight flavors, but that's a small price to pay for what's essential.

See **COOL** on page 12

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So this summer, instead of waiting until the last minute for a panicked trip to Target or buying a towel at the back of a Coney Island deli, take advantage of all Brooklyn has to offer and pack yourself a stylish and totally local beach bag before you leave the house.

Here, some of our favorite locals offer up their best summer treats — all perfect for a day at the beach.

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Popcorn culture

Movie bigwigs are all in Cannes for the infamous French film festival, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music is showing a slew of films that already ran in Utah, so where is the film-conscious Brooklynite to turn for a celluloid fix?

When we decided to call ourselves "the Brooklyn International Film Festival," we basically decided on a territory. We've had a few offers from other directors, Marco Ursino told GO Brooklyn this week. "The bottom line is, I believe, we still have a precise identity."

This year, the festival's theme is "Identity," an idea explored in films like "Arranged" (pictured), the story of

two young, female Brooklyn school teachers who find shared ground in their arranged marriages, even though one is an Orthodox Jew and the other is Muslim; and "Sunny," the tale of a Hollywood lawyer who returns — most reluctantly — to his small, boyish hometown in Germany.

Asked how his series differs from the popular, giddy, yet somewhat amorphous Tribeca Film Festival, Ursino replied: "They're truly are different planets. Our service is to a first or second-time filmmaker; those are the people we can help. I think we're more like the [Martin] Scorsese to the next stage."

And lest pint-sized cineastes be left out of the fun, a children's film festival is also part of the plan. Featured in the lineup — on June 3 and 9 at the Brooklyn Children's Museum — are screen-



ings of animated shorts as well as live-action mini films like Harry Kellerman's "Little Gorilla," the tale of a young boy summoning the courage to scale a daunting jungle gym.

The Brooklyn International Film

Festival will take place from June 1-10 at the Cobble Hill Cinemas (265 Court St., at Butler Street in Cobble Hill) and theaters across the borough. For information, visit www.wbif.org. — Karen Butler

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Parenting lessons from a birdy

THE OTHER MORNING, while Smartmont was sipping his iced coffee on the steps of the Montauk Club, she noticed a man looking up at one of the tall London Pines that hang over Eighth Avenue. So father got into long conversations with the other birthwrights about their recent sightings.

At the time, Smartmont couldn't wait to get home. But now she wished he'd given more attention to that her father had been a more patient teacher.

Smartmont wonders whether any of the birdies will pass on to the Oh So Frisby One and Teen Spirit will be remembered.

There's so much she wants to say. Sometimes they show little interest. Other times they're all ears.

For instance, OSFO loves to hear about the Stay Up All Night Club, the club Smartmont and his friend, Ben and Oldster, went to when they were 11. On

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OUR OPINION

The value of local voices

BROUGH PRESIDENT MARKOWITZ IS on the come-up, closer to emulating President Bush's fate of being U.S. Attorney in his dismissal of nine members of Community Board 6 for the sin of thinking independently about Bruce Ratner's Atlantic Yards mega-development.

Indeed, in both cases, people lost important jobs because they contradicted the very elected officials who appointed them. That's the problem with independence: it's a vital part of the job description.

Now's the time for the 51 community boards — each comprised of 50 people with a stake in their neighborhood — to march more headlines, but to remain independent. That means that while the board members' role is only advisory, they are often the first people to whom residents turn when a sinkhole has opened up, or more important, when elected officials aren't listening.

And they have a City Charter-mandated role in taking a first look at most development and land-use projects.

The boards typically represent a broad cross-section of their communities. Local business owners, homeowners, renters, developers, any number of special interests, senior citizens, newcomers, rich and poor — they are all represented on a good community board.

Atlantic Yards provides the perfect case-in-point

for why these hardworking volunteers should be allowed to do their job without having to worry about being called "anti-business." In the rush to get the project approved before Gov. Pataki left office, many not-so-mere details were blown off.

Like traffic. Like transit. Like the use of state condemnation power to seize privately owned homes and turn them over to the developer. Like the massive taxpayer-backed subsidies that virtually eliminate any risk and guarantee a handsome profit to Ratner.

On all these issues (and others) independent-minded community board members bucked the elected officials who lined up to do the bidding of Bruce Ratner and point out everyone flaws in the project.

The fact that SOME of these flaws were later remedied speaks volumes about the importance of independent thinking.

But Pres. Markowitz, we link to the ousted board members' opposition to Atlantic Yards, but many members of Community Board 6 spoke out about the Beep's increasing vindictiveness towards anyone who bucks him while Ratner's business is at stake.

The image of Markowitz shouting at community board members is quite in contrast to the sweetest-and-highest project to the general public, a cheer-

leader-in-chief who wants you to think that Atlantic Yards has no critics — as long as he silences them.

Councilman Bill DeBlasio, who gets to nominate a handful of board members, pending the borough president's approval, dismissed one opponent of Atlantic Yards, telling this newspaper that he did so because, in his view, her vote against Atlantic Yards was "un-American."

While DeBlasio tried to appear kind and reasonable, his reasoning is flawed. As this newspaper has noted, the "affordable housing" component of Atlantic Yards is a shiny below-market-rate units are being created with tax subsidies that line Bruce Ratner's pocket, and a low-density alternative proposal included MORE affordable units.

Turnover on community boards — like any leadership — is natural. It's a shame that it's not giving different citizens the opportunity to serve on the boards is reason enough to make changes. But to target individuals because their opinion on a specific project is different from the official who appoints them is wrong.

The community board is supposed to be a place for free expression, not the mouthpiece of our elected officials — who have plenty of opportunities to make their voices heard.

ALL DRAWN OUT



Karen Hwang

LETTERS

Without Arab contributions, we'd be in the Dark Ages

To the editor:

When I first heard of the Gibran Academy in Park Slope, I was excited. I'm familiar with Gibran and any child who gets to study his works is truly privileged.

Gibran inspired many, dared to challenge many, and was a true role model for many.

Would anyone dare close a Da Vinci school? Or what about an Einstein one?

Anti-academy is driven by Arabophobia. But the Arabophobes should never forget what Arab Americans contributed to our civilization, such as architecture, philosophy, language and calligraphy, music (such as the harp, lyre, zither, drum, tambourine, flute, oboe and reed instruments), astronomy, medicine, navigation and geography, horoscopes, ceramics, glassware, ceramics, textiles, weaves, detailed mosaic tiles, carvings and paintings) and mathematics.

The Moors ruled Spain from 711 to 1492. Who do you think were guiding both the Christopher Columbus' and Amerigo Vespucci's expeditions?

Without the Arab contributions to our civilization, we would not exist as a civilized world.

Josh Cohen, Park Slope

To the editor:

One letter writer to The Brooklyn Paper says that no one wanted the Khalil Gibran Academy in Boerum Hill. That's not true. I live in Boerum Hill and am thrilled to have school on my street.

This neighborhood has been beautifully Arab since the 1920s, and it still retains an

Arab character. Think of Sahadi's, Rashid Records, all the wonderful groceries and all the restaurants here.

Downtown Brooklyn has two Arab churches, three mosques, countless Arab-owned businesses and is home to the Arab American Family Resource Center. The Arabness of this neighborhood is the stuff of what drew me, an Arab-American, back to the neighborhood that my great grandparents knew and loved.

I believe the Gibran Academy will be a wonderful addition to our neighborhood.

Dave Hall, Boerum Hill

To the editor,

I am sure you have plenty of choice words of my own concerning how impudent the Khalil Gibran International Academy was announced by the city and the disgraceful press coverage ("Timeline of a debacle," May 12). I went online to gather a few more thoughts from the person for whom the school is named.

"Safeguarding the rights of others is the most noble and beautiful end of a human being. I believe in you, and I believe in your destiny. I believe that you are capable of achieving the goals that you have inherited from your forefathers: an ancient dream, a song, a prophecy, which you proudly lay as a gift of gratitude upon the lap of America. I believe that you can say to the Founders of this great nation, 'Here I am, a youth, a young

man, who has been bullied by a business owner."

And this issue at hand isn't your columnist's assertion that Atlantic Yards opponents bullied a business owner. The issue is thus: there's really nothing worse for business than kicking off potential customers because they're Arab.

And your columnist erred when he equated the Arena Bagels issue with the Brooklyn Brewery boycott — which is still on as far as I am concerned.

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Bagel battle joined

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A local businessman expanded into Brooklyn using a name that made potential customers cringe, "Arena Bagels" ("Fight over Arena ... Bagels!" The Brooklyn Angle, May 12).

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Brewery owner Steve Hindy took a public position of support for Bruce Ratner's

project. As a business owner, he didn't have to, and as a business owner of micro-brews, I still choose not to support his project with my hard-earned dollars.

Lumi Michelle Rolley, Park Slope

The writer is producer of the Web site, [NoLandGrab.org](#)

Thank Ratner!

To the editor:

In your May 12 issue, you published photo of the Flushing Avenue buildings that are being torn down by Bruce Ratner ("Yasky to city: Hold Ratner accountable"). Seeing those buildings coming down made me so happy. That should bring about a lot more luster to the area.

The sooner this area is rebuilt the better.

It is amazing that the people who are against the rebuilding of this area are the new arrivals. I've lived in Brooklyn all my life — 66 years and growing strong — and sent my kids to school here.

Alvin Parkin, Downtown

Simcha's bill is good

To the editor:

I commend your actions to prevent and discourage littering ("Law would destroy my livelihood," The Brooklyn Angle, May 5). But why should flyers, papers, etc. be allowed to be tossed in my front yard? The

wet plastic covering is unsafe and also adds to the trash pile. The front door is not an occurrence, a sign for home break-ins.

Throwing paper in my front yard is hardly the "exchange of ideas and information" that your columnist wisely champions.

John Murray, Bay Ridge

Witness this crime

To the editor:

As usual, the media paints the Jehovah's Witnesses as the worst possible light.

In your story about the Watchtower Society's plans to sell many of its Brooklyn Heights buildings ("Sell-off," May 12), you wrote that "the Witnesses stand to make a lot of money from the sale of these buildings."

Having once stayed overnight in the Standish Arms before the gut renovation was done by the Witnesses, I can tell you that it was a "rough hotel." The walls and ceilings literally were crawling with the flies.

After the departure of the previous occupants, the Witnesses redid everything and made it habitable by clean people. It remains a "Class A" building.

We, the neighbors who suffered for us to have left the buildings as the slums they once were, so that they could then criticize us for it, are the ones who are being thrown out now toward neighborhood improvement?

Willard Parker, West Haven, Conn.

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